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LOK SABHA

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PLANTATION DRIVE IN NDMC AREA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) is aware of the depleting green cover in its Zones;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to undertake mass plantation drive;

(c) if so, the details alongwith the total funds allocated during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken for the proper maintenance and upkeep of the existing green cover?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a): Due to development of transport system by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, some trees were removed with the prior approval directly from the Forest Department of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. However, compensatory plantation has been carried out by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, as per guidelines. The overall green coverage in New Delhi Municipal Council area has, in fact, increased during the last years.

(b): Tree plantation is being carried out every year as per requirement and availability of space with the objective of improving environment and to compensate for the loss of trees/greenery due to various reasons. During the current year, Horticulture Department of New Delhi Municipal Council has taken action for planting 20,000 tree saplings.

(c): The plantation is carried out from saplings raised in the departmental nursery and through departmental staff and no separate allocation of funds is required for this purpose. However, the Horticulture Department of New Delhi Municipal Council was allotted the following amount during the last three years and the same is used for maintenance of horticulture feature including planting of saplings, trees, etc.

Year	Amount allocated (rupees in lacs)
2005-2006	200
2006-2007	250
2007-2008	250

(d): All possible steps such as providing tree guards, watering, manuring, trimming, pruning, etc. are being taken by the New Delhi Municipal Council from time to time for the maintenance and upkeep of the existing green cover.